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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing that a commercial breeder of dogs or cats
2 may be inspected by a licensed veterinarian in lieu of the
3 department of agriculture and land stewardship.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 162.10B, Code 2015, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **162.10B Commercial establishments — inspecting state**
4 **licensees and registrants.**

5 1. The department may inspect the commercial establishment
6 of a registrant or state licensee by entering onto its
7 business premises at any time during normal working hours. The
8 department may inspect records required to be maintained by the
9 state licensee or registrant as provided in this chapter. If
10 the owner or person in charge of the commercial establishment
11 refuses admittance, the department may obtain an administrative
12 search warrant issued under section 808.14.

13 2. a. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a commercial breeder
14 who is a state licensee may elect to have an annual inspection
15 conducted by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary
16 medicine under chapter 169 in lieu of the department. In order
17 to exercise this election, all of the following must apply:

18 (1) The department or a veterinarian acting under an
19 existing election must not have recorded an inspection
20 violation committed by the commercial breeder during the prior
21 four years.

22 (2) The commercial breeder must notify the department of the
23 election as required by the department.

24 b. The commercial breeder's election expires at the end of
25 twelve months.

26 c. The veterinarian shall conduct the inspection according
27 to the same requirements and shall have the same access to the
28 commercial breeder's premises as the department would have had
29 in conducting the inspection. The veterinarian shall file
30 an inspection report with the department as required by the
31 department. The veterinarian shall sign the report, verifying
32 that the inspection complied with the department's inspection
33 requirements and that the veterinarian had access to the
34 commercial breeder's premises. The department must receive the
35 report within twenty days following the date of the inspection.

1 d. The cost of an inspection conducted by a veterinarian
2 shall be paid by the commercial breeder.

3 e. A commercial breeder may elect to have a veterinarian
4 conduct an inspection under this section every other year.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill provides that a commercial breeder of dogs or cats
9 holding a state license issued by the department of agriculture
10 and land stewardship may elect to have an annual inspection
11 conducted by a licensed veterinarian in lieu of the department.
12 In order to exercise this election, the commercial breeder must
13 not have committed an inspection violation during the past four
14 years and must comply with notice requirements established
15 by the department. The veterinarian must file an inspection
16 report with the department. The cost of the inspection is
17 to be borne by the commercial breeder. The department must
18 conduct an inspection every other year.